

DVI DA2 and DVI DA 4 • User Guide

This guide describes the installation and operation of the Extron DVI DA2 and DVI DA4 Distribution Amplifiers. Unless stated otherwise, “distribution amplifier” or “the unit” in this guide refer to both models.

FCC Class A Notice

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC rules. The Class A limits provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause interference. This interference must be corrected at the expense of the user.

NOTE: For more information on safety guidelines, regulatory compliances, EMI/EMF compatibility, accessibility, and related topics, see the “[Extron Safety and Regulatory Compliance Guide](#)” on the Extron website.

Specifications Availability

Product specifications are available on the Extron website, www.extron.com.

About the DVI DA2 and DVI DA4

The Digital Visual Interface (DVI) Distribution Amplifiers (DAs) have one input and either two (DVI DA2) or four (DVI DA4) outputs. Output 1 for each model is for a local monitor and is used for Digital Display Channel (DDC) reference.

Both distribution amplifiers accept one single link DVI-D input and drive two (DVI DA2) or four (DVI DA4) single link DVI-D output signals.

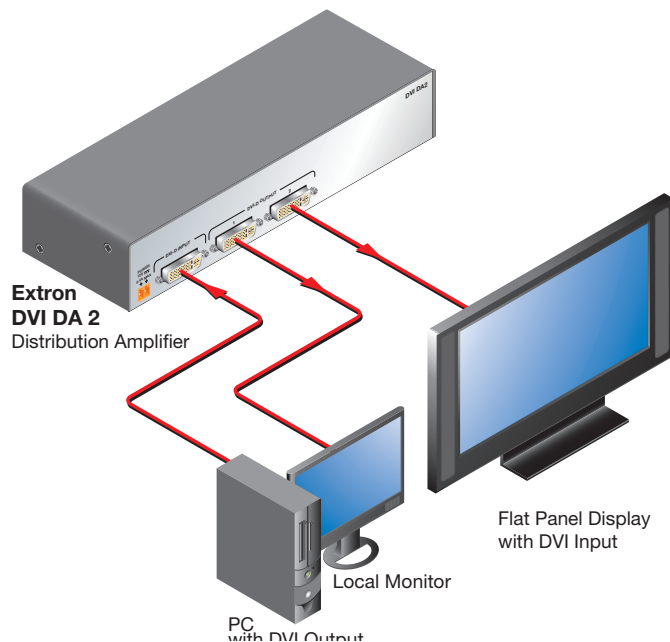


Figure 1. DVI DA2 Application Diagram

DVI DA2 and DVI DA4 Features

- **External power supply** — The DVI DA2 and DVI DA4 are powered by an external 12 VDC power supply (provided with the units).
- **DVI-D input** — Both distribution amplifiers accept one single link DVI-D input with a range of resolutions up to 1920 x 1200 or 1080p @ 60 Hz.
- **Input equalization** — Input Equalization (EQ) conditions the input signals to ensure the integrity of the signals delivered to the output devices.
- **DVI-D outputs** — The units drive two (DVI DA2) or four (DVI DA4) single link DVI-D output signals.

- **DDC routing to the local monitor** — Output 1 is used as a DDC reference and is labeled “Local Monitor” for easy reference. The video source uses the bidirectional DDC to communicate with the local monitor, which allows the source to determine the resolution and refresh rate of the signal that it sends.

NOTES:

- Since output 1 is used as the reference, all other display devices must be capable of handling resolutions equal to or greater than that of the local monitor.
 - The actual signal transmission distance can vary greatly and depends on signal resolution, cable type, cable quality, graphics card, and the display used in the system.
- **Versatile mounting options** — Both units are 1U high, 3 inches (7.62 cm) deep, and 1/2 rack (8.7 inches or 22.1 cm) wide, allowing them to be conveniently mounted in a rack, mounted under a desk, or set on a tabletop.

Installation Overview

Both distribution amplifiers can be placed on tabletops, or mounted under furniture or in racks by following these steps:

1. Turn off all electrical equipment. Make sure that the input sources, the DA and the output display(s) are all turned off and all power sources and signal cables are disconnected.
2. Mount the unit (see [Mounting](#) page 5).
3. Connect the cables (see [DVI Connections](#) on page 3).
4. Plug in the **power supply** (see page 3), then turn on the display devices and input devices.

Front Panel Features

The front panels of the DVI DA2 and DVI DA4 are identical and shown in the illustration below

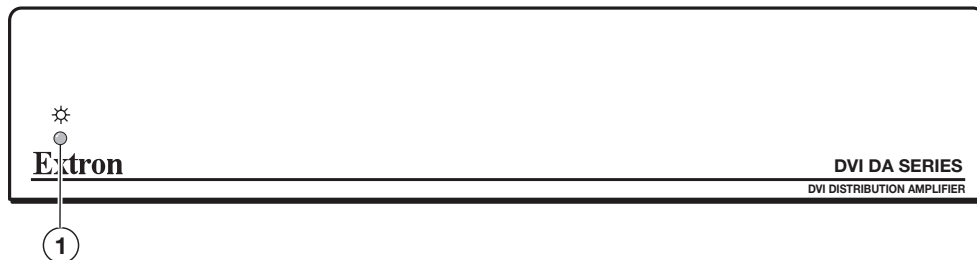


Figure 2. DVI DA2 and DVI DA4 Front Panel (both models are identical)

- ① **LED indicator** — On both the DVI DA2 and DVI DA4, the LED indicator lights when the unit is receiving power.

Rear Panel Features

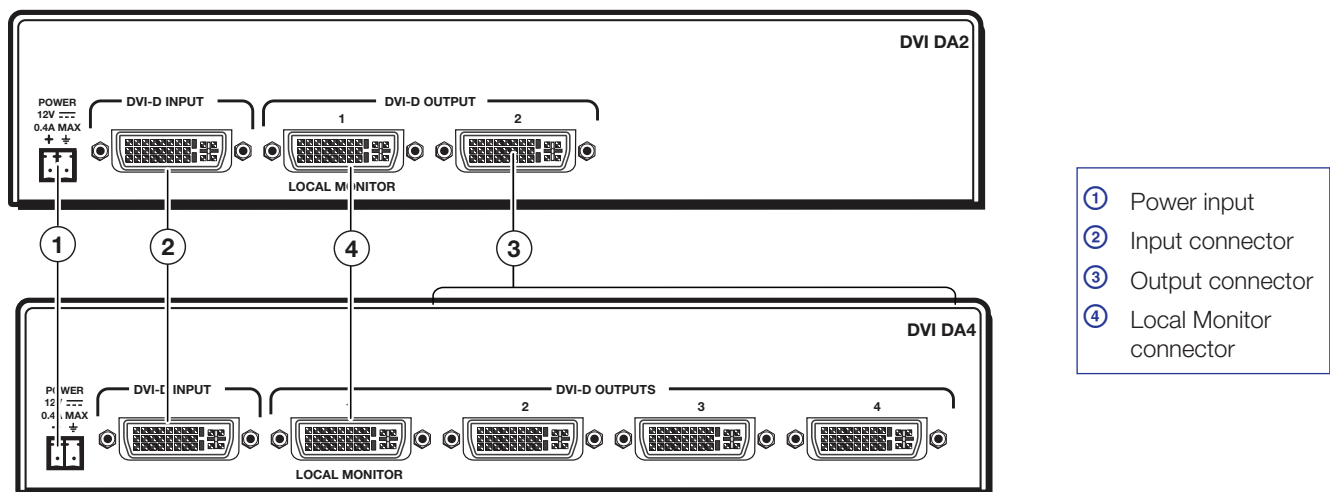


Figure 3. DVI DA2 (top) and DVI DA4 (bottom) Rear Panels

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- ① **Power input** — Connect the provided power supply to the 3.5 mm, captive screw power receptacle.

NOTES:

- The length of the exposed wires in the stripping process is critical. The ideal length is 3/16 inch (5 mm).
- If the exposed section is **longer**, the exposed wires may touch, causing a short circuit between them.
- If it is **shorter**, the wires can be easily pulled out, even if tightly fastened by the captive screws.
- Do not tin the wires. Tinned wire does not hold its shape and can become loose over time.

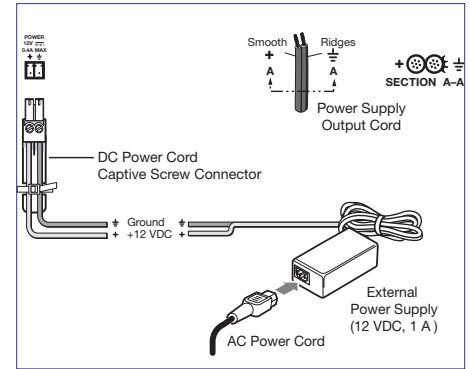


Figure 4. Power Connection

ATTENTION:

- This product is intended to be supplied by a Listed Power Unit marked “Class 2” or “LPS,” rated 12 VDC, maximum 1.0 A. Always use a power supply supplied or specified by Extron. Use of an unauthorized power supply voids all regulatory compliance certification and may cause damage to the supply and the end product.
- Unless otherwise stated, the AC/DC adapters are not suitable for use in air handling spaces or in wall cavities. The power supply is to be located within the same vicinity as the Extron AV processing equipment in an ordinary location, Pollution Degree 2, secured to the equipment rack within the dedicated closet, podium, or desk.
- The installation must always be in accordance with the applicable provisions of National Electrical Code ANSI/NFPA 70, article 75, and the Canadian Electrical Code part 1, section 16. The power supply shall not be permanently fixed to building structure or similar structure.

DVI Connections

- ② **Input connector** — Connect the input signal to the female DVI connector. The DVI input signal is equalized to ensure integrity.
- ③ **Output connectors** — Connect up to two (DVI DA2) or four (DVI DA4) DVI-D outputs to display devices, using the female DVI connectors.

NOTE: The outputs are not HDCP compatible.

- ④ **Local Monitor connector** — Output 1 (Local Monitor) is used as a Hotplug Detect, a DDC clock, and a DDC data reference. For the input device to provide a signal at the correct resolution and refresh rate, there must be a display device connected to output 1.

NOTE: Although the source device, local monitor, and remote display devices all connect to the distribution amplifiers through DVI-I connectors, the DVI DA2 and DVI DA4 are compatible only with single-link DVI-D video signals.

To enable the units to accept sources providing HDMI signals or to provide signals to displays that accept HDMI signals, use a HDMI to DVI adapter or cable, such as the Extron HDMIF-DVIDM female HDMI to male DVI-D adapter or the Extron HDMI M-DVI-D M series of male HDMI to male DVI cables.

The input signal is one single link DVI-D with a resolution range up to 1920x1200 or 1080p @ 60 Hz.

Input EQ conditions input signals to ensure the integrity of the signals delivered to the output devices.

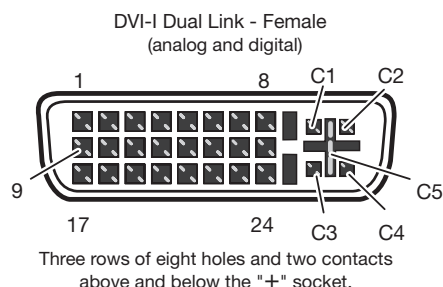
NOTES:

- The actual signal transmission distance can vary and depends on the signal resolution, cable quality, graphics card, and display used in the system.
- To ensure proper operation, display devices connected to outputs 2 through 4 must be able to handle resolutions equal or greater than that of the local monitor on output 1.

DVI Connector Pin Assignments

The illustration below shows the pin assignments for the male and female DVI-I connectors.

NOTE: Although DVI-I dual link connectors are used, the DVI DA2 and DVI DA4 are compatible only with single-link DVI-D video signals.



Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal	Pin	Signal
1	TMDS data 2-	9	TMDS data 1-	17	TMDS data 0-
2	TMDS data 2+	10	TMDS data 1+	18	TMDS data 0+
3	TMDS data 2/4 shield	11	TMDS data 1/3 shield	19	TMDS data 0/5 shield
4	TMDS data 4-	12	TMDS data 3-	20	TMDS data 5-
5	TMDS data 4+	13	TMDS data 3+	21	TMDS data 5+
6	DDC clock	14	+5V power	22	TMDS clock shield
7	DDC data	15	Ground	23	TMDS clock+
8	Analog vertical sync	16	Hot plug detect	24	TMDS clock1
C1	Unused	C3	Unused	C5	Unused
C2	Unused	C4	Unused		

Operation

To operate the unit (see **figure 3** on page 2 and **figure 4** on page 3):

1. Connect the power supply.
2. Connect and power on the Local Monitor.
3. Connect and power on any other output displays.
4. Connect and power on the source device.

NOTE: Output 1 (Local Monitor) is used as a DDC reference and must be connected to the distribution amplifier before the source device is powered on. If the source device cannot communicate with the local monitor when it is being powered on, it may not be able to send a video signal or the signal may have the wrong resolution or refresh rate.

If there are any problems, consult the Troubleshooting section below.

Troubleshooting

- **No output signal** — Check that the front panel LED is lit. If it is not, check the power supply connections to the unit (see page 4).
- **No output signal or poor quality signal** — Check the integrity of the cabling to output 1 (Local Monitor) and ensure that output 1 is connected to the distribution amplifier before powering on the source device.

If the source device cannot communicate with output 1 when it is being powered on, it may not be able to send a video signal or the signal may have the wrong resolution or refresh rate.

- **No output signal or poor quality signal** — Check the input and output cabling (page 3). DVI signals run at very high frequency and poor connections can cause degradation or loss of the signal, or jitter. To avoid this:
 - Use only cable that is designed for DVI signals.
 - Limit or avoid the use of adapters.
- **Display device shows a flashing black or blue screen, snow or other distortion** — A device that is not HDCP compliant may be receiving HDCP-encrypted signals.

The DVI DA2 and DVI DA4 are not High-Bandwidth Digital Content Protection (HDCP) compliant. They will pass HDCP-encrypted signals only to the local output device.

- **Signal on local monitor but not on other displays** — Check that all output devices (monitors or projectors) can handle resolutions equal to or greater than that of the local monitor.

Mounting

Attach the four provided rubber feet to the bottom of the unit and place it in any convenient location.

Rack Mounting

UL Guidelines for Rack Mounting

The following Underwriters Laboratories (UL) guidelines are relevant to the safe installation of these products in a rack:

- 1. Elevated operating ambient temperature** — If the unit is installed in a closed or multi-unit rack assembly, the operating ambient temperature of the rack environment may be greater than room ambient temperature. Therefore, install the equipment in an environment compatible with the maximum ambient temperature (T_{ma}: +122 °F, +50 °C) specified by Extron.
- 2. Reduced air flow** — Install the equipment in the rack so that the equipment gets adequate air flow for safe operation.
- 3. Mechanical loading** — Mount the equipment in the rack so that uneven mechanical loading does not create a hazardous condition.
- 4. Circuit overloading** — Connect the equipment to the supply circuit and consider the effect that circuit overloading might have on overcurrent protection and supply wiring. Consider the equipment nameplate ratings when addressing this concern.
- 5. Reliable earthing (grounding)** — Maintain reliable grounding of rack-mounted equipment. Pay particular attention to supply connections other than direct connections to the branch circuit (such as the use of power strips).

Rack Mounting Procedure

The unit can be mounted on any rack systems. To mount the product on a rack shelf, follow the instructions provided with the shelf accessories.

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